

## Senate Resolution 897

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Anderson of the 43rd, Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Williams of the 39th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to establish a system of checks and balances with regard  
2 to the first use of nuclear weapons; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the President currently has the sole authority to launch a nuclear attack without  
4 any required consultation or any system of check and balances; and

5 WHEREAS, the first use of nuclear weapons against any other nuclear armed nation would  
6 result in retaliation and invite the near total destruction of Atlanta; and

7 WHEREAS, a single nuclear detonation in Atlanta would cause upwards of 70,000 fatalities  
8 and 64,000 injuries; and

9 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia have the right to live a life free from the threat of the  
10 reckless use of nuclear weapons; and

11 WHEREAS, use and detonation of even a small number of nuclear weapons would have  
12 catastrophic human, environmental, and economic consequences that would impact every  
13 person on the planet.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
15 urge their congressional representatives to take all necessary steps to establish a system of  
16 check and balances with regard to the first use of nuclear weapons and to ensure that the  
17 President shall no longer have the sole and unchecked authority to launch nuclear weapons,  
18 except in circumstances of retaliation.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
20 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
21 press.